

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in the present application prior to this amendment.

The Examiner in the outstanding Action has allowed claims 1-13, 24, 25, and 27-29, for which the undersigned is appreciative. These claims remain unchanged.

Claims 14, 16, 26, and 30 are presently rejected.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC 102

Claims 14, 16, and 26 are rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Christie, Jr. et al. USP 4,003,660.

Claim 30 is rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Hill et al. USP 3,856,408. Claims 26 and 30 have been cancelled so that their rejection is moot.

Claims 15, and 17-23 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 14 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of claim 15, and claim 15 has been cancelled. Claims 17 and 18 have been rewritten into independent form. Claims 14, 16-23 are therefore believed to be allowable.

The cancellation of subject matter from this application is made solely to expedite the allowance of the subject matter deemed to be allowable by the examiner. Applicant retains the right to file a continuation application for the subject matter that is cancelled by this amendment.


CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks contained herein, it is believed that all pending claims 1-14, 16-25, and 27-29 are in condition for allowance and an indication of their allowance

is requested. However, if the Examiner is aware of any additional matters that should be discussed, a call to the undersigned attorney at: (415) 318-1162 would be appreciated.

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